



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JOE MCQUINIFF

Happy July, Emmaus Community! July brings family gatherings, cookouts, vacations, fireworks, and plenty of opportunities to make memories with the people we love. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 250 years of our nation's history. It is a time to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and to remember the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect them. As Christians, we also remember that the greatest freedom we have is the freedom found in Jesus Christ. While we celebrate our country's heritage, let us also celebrate the hope, grace, and new life Christ has given each of us. Freedom is not only something we enjoy as Americans—it is something we live every day as followers of Christ, walking in His love and truth.

Summer can get busy, but do not let the busyness crowd out time with God. Whether you are traveling, relaxing at home, or spending time with family and friends, take a few moments each day to pray, read Scripture, and thank God for His many blessings. Even a few quiet moments with the Lord can refresh your heart and keep you centered on what matters most. Our Emmaus Community continues to be a place where friendships grow, faith is strengthened, and lives are changed. Thank you for your prayers, your servant hearts, and your willingness to continue living out your Fourth Day. You are making a difference in the lives of others, often in ways you may never fully see, and your faithfulness matters more than you know. As you celebrate this July, be safe, enjoy your family and friends, and take time to reflect on both the blessings of our nation and the even greater blessing of God's love. May this season remind us to live with gratitude, humility, and joy.

May God bless you, your family, and the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community.
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FROM THE BOARD...

BY AMY GRAND



FAQ's

What happens if?

- **If the community decides to leave the Upper Room:**

All manuals and trademarked publications need to be returned to Upper Room in Nashville.

The community will vote on what to do with the assets of GSVE; ie: The checking account, the "stuff" that is stored at the camp. The current board will likely recommend that all assets be moved to a new ministry in process - ABIDE Southern Ohio.

- **If the community decides to remain Emmaus and part of the Upper Room:**

A new board would need to be elected. A conversation with Michael and Annette Linton, owners of Koinonia Farms Camp would need to be had. The current board has a spoken promise with them that we would remain a conservative community holding fast to biblical truths and teachings. They have already been informed of the direction of the Upper Room and the possibility of the dissolution of GSVE.

- **What happens to the money in GSVE checking account?**

This will be decided with a community vote. All monies would go to another not-for-profit organization.

- **What happens to Chrysalis?**

Southern Ohio Chrysalis operates under its own non-profit license. Kris Liles has been in contact with the UR and they state that a parent Emmaus community is only needed to START a Chrysalis community. Please continue to support Southern Ohio Chrysalis; they are committed to stay a conservative community.

- **Is GSVE part of the Upper Room?**

No. GSVE is a separate non-profit organization.

- **Does the UR have control of our website?**

No. They can see our website, but they have no control of it.

- **If GSVE dissolves will we still have gatherings?**

YES! Please remain part of the community so we can keep you updated and you can help form the future weekends!

- **Will GSVE become ABIDE?**

No.

GSVE will either be dissolved or will continue as stated above.

ABIDE is a new independent, non-denominational ministry currently under development.

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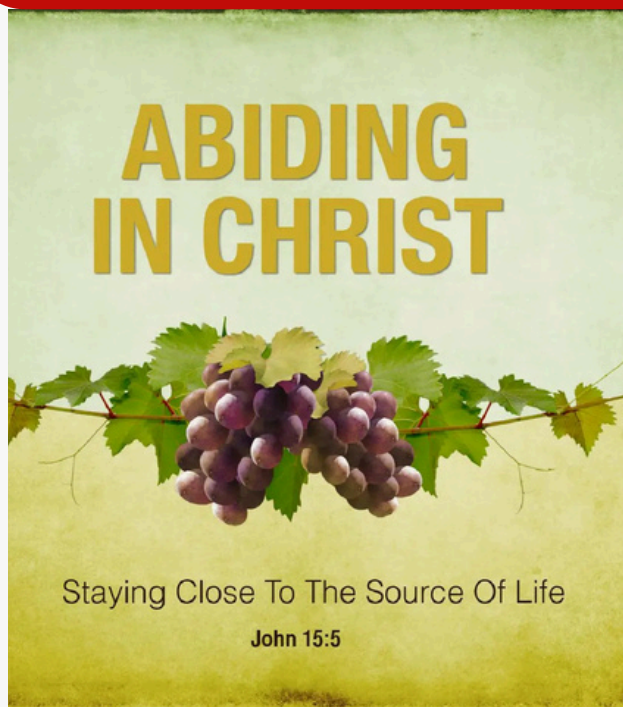
If you have questions, ideas you'd like to share, please connect with one of the subcommittee members:

Lana McGrath	Gregg Montella
Jerry Kunz	Courtney Hines
Tom & Candy Dishong	Zakk Hines
Jamie Darling	Josh Turner
Amy & Aaron Grand	Joe McQuiniff

We ask that you pray fervently and intentionally for the Lord's will to be done in the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus community, for the members of the board and sub-committee, for discernment and obedience to ways the Lord is calling us to serve the people in southern Ohio.

In His love & service,
Amy Grand

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Remember our Upcoming events:

Find out information for kitchen help, setup, cleanup, Prayer Vigil and more at gsve.org.

Our next gathering is July 16 at Harvest Center Church

7:30 pm-8:30 pm

I thank you in advance for every prayer and everything you do to contribute to this ministry.

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY JAMIE DARLING

Matthew 11:25-30 "Come to Me"

25 At that [a]time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. 26 Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 "Come to Me, all [b]who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is [c]easy and My burden is light."

Dearest GSVE Community,

This scripture is often used to give us peace and remind us that we can rest in the arms of our Savior and while that is very true, there is more. This call from our Savior Jesus to come to Him, comes on the heels of a parable that reminds Jesus' followers to be weary of false teachers and conforming to the ways of the world. He is speaking about the Pharisees and those who would want to distort His message and the mission of God.

Nothing has changed in over 2000 years. The world continues to press in on us as we strive to follow Jesus obediently. And frankly that at times is exhausting. The pressure to conform. The separation of friends or family over our beliefs. The praying to know God's will and discern His path for us, our families, our ministries and more. And yet, God knew. He knew it was going to be too much for us and through His Son who calls us from our sins, makes a way. A way to salvation through our acceptance and obedience to Him, Jesus Christ. And He promises us, we will never walk alone. We can go to Him, all you who are heavily burdened and He will give you rest. Brothers and Sisters, as we go through this life together, I pray you find yourselves yoked with Christ, and there find your souls at rest.

In His Service,

Rev. Jamie Darling, M.Ed., M.Div.

GSVE Community Spiritual Director

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

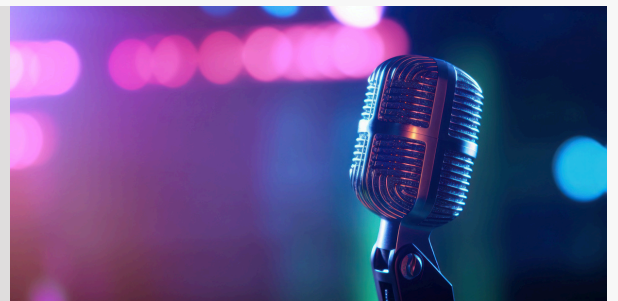
Lead Worship

email: Music@gsve.org

or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

The website has been recently updated and reorganized. Events and walk information are now on the home page, right where you want it.

Check it out and stay in touch and join us as we follow Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY GATHERING
THURSDAY, JULY 16

7:30 PM

HARVEST CENTER CHURCH OF GOD
678 KINNAMON LN, CHILLICOTHE
Q&A SESSION #2

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WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT [GSVE.ORG](https://gsve.org). WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE WALKS.

Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out [GSVE.org](https://gsve.org)

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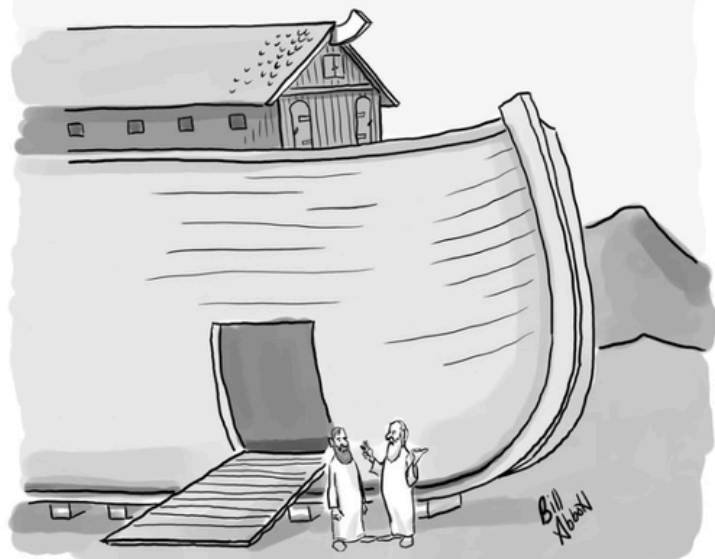
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